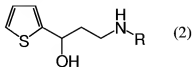
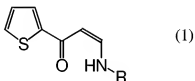


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS
Please cancel Claims 6, 14 and 15 as shown herein.

1. (Previously presented) A process for producing an *N*-monoalkyl-3-hydroxy-3-(2-thienyl)propanamine represented by General Formula (2):

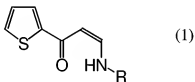


wherein **R** is C₁₋₄ alkyl, comprising the step of reducing a (Z)-*N*-monoalkyl-3-oxo-3-(2-thienyl)propanamine, in the presence of a carboxylic acid, represented by General Formula (1):



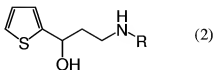
wherein **R** is as defined above.

2. (Original) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the (Z)-*N*-monoalkyl-3-oxo-3-(2-thienyl)propanamine is reduced using sodium borohydride or sodium cyanoborohydride.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) A (Z)-*N*-monoalkyl-3-oxo-3-(2-thienyl)propanamine represented by General Formula (1):



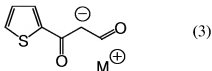
wherein **R** is C₁₋₄ alkyl.

5. (Original) The (Z)-*N*-monoalkyl-3-oxo-3-(2-thienyl)propanamine according to Claim 4, wherein **R** in General Formula (1) is methyl.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously presented) A process for producing an *N*-monoalkyl-3-hydroxy-3-(2-thienyl)propanamine represented by General Formula (2):



wherein **R** is C₁₋₄ alkyl, comprising the steps of:

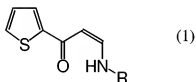
reacting an alkali metal salt of β -oxo- β -(2-thienyl)propanal represented by General Formula (3):



wherein M is an alkali metal atom, with a monoalkylamine compound represented by General Formula (4):



wherein **R** is as defined above, to give a (Z)-N-monoalkyl-3-oxo-3-(2-thienyl)propenamine represented by General Formula (1):



wherein **R** is as defined above; and

reducing the (Z)-N-monoalkyl-3-oxo-3-(2-thienyl)propenamine, in the presence of a carboxylic acid.

8. (Original) The process according to Claim 7, wherein the (Z)-N-monoalkyl-3-oxo-3-(2-thienyl)propenamine is reduced using sodium borohydride or sodium cyanoborohydride.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously presented) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the reducing step of the process is conducted in a hydrocarbon solvent.
11. (Previously presented) The process according to Claim 10, wherein the hydrocarbon solvent is an aromatic hydrocarbon solvent.
12. (Previously presented) The process according to Claim 10, wherein the hydrocarbon solvent is selected from the group consisting of pentane, hexane, cyclohexane, heptane, benzene, toluene, and xylene.
13. (Previously presented) The process according to Claim 12, wherein the hydrocarbon solvent is toluene.
- 14-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The process according to Claims 7, wherein the monoalkylamine compound represented by General Formula (4):



is a hydrochloride salt or a sulfuric acid salt.

17. (Previously presented) The process according to Claim 16, wherein the monoalkylamine compound represented by General Formula (4):



is a hydrochloride salt.